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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR:	Hideki SAWAGUCHI, Yasutaka NISHIDA, Hisashi TAKANO and Hiroyuki TSUCHINAGA
FOR:	APPARATUS, SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT AND DEVICE FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM

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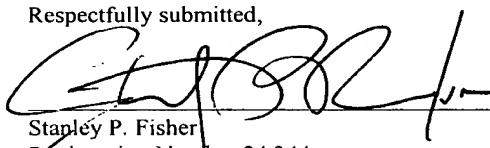
- 16 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Transmittal of Japanese application 2000-328404 to claim priority date of October 23, 2000.
- An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
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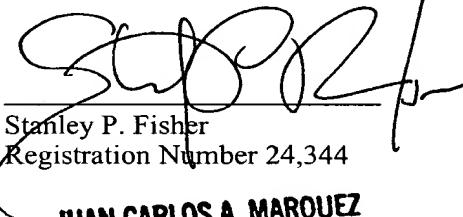
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**NOTICE OF PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of October 23, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent priority application 2000-328404.

A certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2000-328404 is submitted herewith. The Examiner is most respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy in due course.

  
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